

Amendment No. 1 to SB3621

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3621

House Bill No. 3627*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 54-1-137.

(a) In selecting highway and bridge projects for construction or improvement financial aid under this chapter or chapters 2 or 5 of this title, the commissioner is encouraged to prioritize such projects in accordance with the following objectives:

- (1) Ensuring the continued viability of and improving the quality of life in rural communities affected by any such project;
- (2) Promoting economic development and tourism in affected communities;
- (3) Improving public safety in affected communities;
- (4) Improving the efficiency of transportation routes in affected communities; and
- (5) Coordinating the traffic flow between local communities to maximize opportunities for all of the state.

(b) The commissioner is urged to submit annually to the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives a list of highway and bridge projects to be undertaken by the department in the next fiscal year, including the list of bridges to be completed each fiscal year pursuant to the Tennessee transportation infrastructure improvement bond program established in chapter 552 of the Public Acts of 2009.

(c) The department is encouraged to continue all practicable efforts toward connecting each county seat by a four-lane highway to the nearest interstate highway by the best route available, pursuant to §54-5-102(b).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.